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Letter dated 3 August 2012 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations addressed President of the Security Council

I am writing to you with regard to the letter dated 30 July 2012 from Syria (S/2012/589), which contains some unpleasant allegations and vilifications against third countries in the face of acute developments in Syria.

It is indeed utterly perplexing to see such a letter from a regime which is currently waging a war against its own people, the people of Syria, whose legitimate aspirations for universal values such as the rule of law, human rights, good governance and a functioning, pluralist democracy are fully supported by the international community.

However, it is the current regime that calls them "terrorists", denies them such fundamental rights and kills them indiscriminately, as is the case now in Aleppo where the regime forces are bombarding a Syrian city randomly, in front of our eyes.

Needless to say, Turkey commits itself to the peaceful democratic transition in Syria and pursues policies accordingly. Turkey will not take seriously any baseless allegation which runs counter to this basic principle.

In the meantime, we will continue to provide temporary protection to Syrians who have to flee their homeland in fear of their lives, like their 44,000 fellow countrymen who currently lead a dignified life in the camps in Turkey.

I would be grateful if the text of the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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